THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes sir. Government of India has given financial assistance of Rs. 498.60 lakh to Orissa State for procurement of software, hardware and other peripherals for 171 tehsils of the State

(b) The monitoring of the Scheme of Computerisation of Land Records is being reviewed from time to time during the Conferences of Revenue Ministers/Secretaries impressing upon the States to take appropriate action for implementation of the Scheme of Computerization of Land Records in a time bound manner. The progress of the Scheme is also being monitored through Video-Conferencing so as to get direct interaction with the State Government and thorough Quarterly progress report in the prescribed proforma.

(c) As per the report submitted by the State Government, data entry work has been completed in 140 tehsils out of 171 and in the remaining tehsils it is under progress. Certified copies of Record of Rights (RoRs) are being issued to the public in 56 tehsils of the State.

Pure drinking water for villages in Gujarat and Karnataka

385 SHRI H K JAWARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the drinking of Saline Water in the rural parts of the country the people are suffering from Kidney Stones particularly in the Karnataka and Gujarat States,

(b) whether it is also a fact, that Salinity ingress has made ground water unfit for drinking in villages;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide pure drinking water to rural people in the country and the amount required therefor; and

(d) the amount sanctioned and released to the state of Karnataka for the post three years for providing drinking water to villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M K. PATIL): (a) As reported by State Government of Gujarat, the coastal areas where drinking water

contain excessive calcium or magnesium is partially responsible for kidney stone. However, saline water is not the sole reason for Kidney Stones. No reports have been received about people suffering from Kidney Stones due to drinking of saline water either in Gujarat or Karnataka.

(b) Yes Sir, in some habitations of coastal areas in Gujarat and Karnataka.

(c) The State Government have planned regional water supply schemes based on surface water sources such as rivers, canals and reservoirs etc. for providing safe drinking water under Sub-Mission Programmes. Sustainability measures like artificial recharge can also mitigate the problem.

(d) Funds allocated and released to the State of Karnataka during the last three years under Rural Water Supply Programme are as follows.—

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl No.	Years	Sanctioned and Released
1	2000-2001	84 196
2.	2001-2002	138.617
3	2002-2003	143.554

Meeting targets of PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh

†1386. SHRI ANIL SHARMA Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) the amount sanctioned for Himachal Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the year 2002-2003 by Government;

(b) the name of these roads alongwith the amount sanctioned for each of these roads;

(c) whether it is a fact that roads sanctioned during the year 2001-02 has not been completed so far while it was scheduled to be completed by June 2003;

(d) the number of roads which have not been completed so far as per schedule; and

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